

MINUTES OF THE
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009, 2:00 P.M.
Room 30, House Building, State Capitol Complex

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co Chair
Rep. John Dougall, Co Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Daniel R. Liljenquist
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. David Litvack

Staff Present:

Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Stephen Jardine, Fiscal Analyst
Nicholle Heidrich, Secretary

Public Speakers Present:

Dr. Mark Bair, Past President, Utah Medical Association
Marc Christensen, President, Utah Association of Community Services
Vicki Clayson, self-directed services
Deborah Bowman, self-directed services
Pat Fleming and Providers, Division Director, Salt Lake County
Division of Substance Abuse Services
Adam Cohen, Director of Operations, Odyssey House
Joel Millard, Executive Director, Project Reality
Kathy Bray, President/CEO, Volunteers of America
Shawn McMillen, Executive Director, First Step House
Steve White, Commissioner, Utah County - Wasatch Mental Health and
Utah County Substance Abuse
Valerie Fritz, Utah Alcoholism Foundation
Alan Pruhs, Associate Director, Association for Utah Community Health
DJ Ballingham, Medical Director, Bear Lake Community Health Center
Donna Singer, Executive Director, Utah Navajo Health System
Kurt Micka, Executive Director, Utah Partners for Health
LaVall Jensen, Executive Director, Bear Lake Community Health Center
Starr Stratford, Director, Community Health Connect
Scott McBeth, Representative, Agency on Aging
Michele Benson, Director, Bear River Area Agency on Aging
Dan Hall, Executive Director, Utah Association for Homecare and Utah
Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
Bill Ellis, President, Home Helpers
Steve Kesler, Mental Retardation Association of Utah
Lynn Yeates, Sheriff/Emergency Medical Services Director, Box Elder
County
Mike Mathieu, Fire Chief, Ogden City

Jay D. Downs, Fire Chief, Smithfield Fire and Cache County
Emergency Medical Services
Mark Meaker, Fire Chief, Logan
Suesanne Bond, Director, Early Intervention for Summit and Wasatch
Counties
Eileen Chamberland, Provider/Member, Baby Watch State Advisory
Committee for Kids on the Move
Kevin Morris, Executive Director, DDI Vantage
Lorenzo Botto, Pediatric Genetics, University of Utah
John Carey, Dysmorphologist, University of Utah
Judy Zimmerman, Psychiatrist, University of Utah
Rhet Potter, Executive Director, PAAG
Carolyn Tometich, McKay-Dee Hospital
Michael Scott Roundy, Director of Behavioral Health, McKay-Dee
Hospital
Nita Smith, Executive Director, Phoenix Services Corporation
Kelly Peterson, CEO, Utah Foster Care Foundation
Margaret Peterson, Executive Director, Youth Providers Association
Shanna Draper, President, Youth Providers Association
Lloyd Berentzen, Director, Bear River Health Department
Dirk Anjewierden, Executive Director, Utah Health Care Association
Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality (DEQ)
Kevin Call, Doctor, University of Utah
Dave Gessel, Vice President, Government Relations and Legal Affairs,
Utah Hospital Association
Paul Muench, President, Molina Healthcare of Utah
Dr. Clay Mann, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah
School of Medicine
Dr. Tom Metcalf, Pediatrician
Erika Beckstrom, Tobacco Cessation Liaison, Utah Dental Hygienist
Association
Keri Jones, YWCA of Salt Lake City
Lam Nguyen, YWCA of Salt Lake City

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sen. Christensen

1. Welcome and Overview by Sen. Christensen
2. Update on Executive Appropriations Committee Recommendation-- Russell Frandsen reviewed FY09 and said there were \$49 million in cuts and \$28 million in back-fill. He said that rainy day funds were not the only funds used for this back-fill. The cut as a whole was 5.6%, 0-13% cuts for Health, and 0-18% for Human Services. Rep. Litvack said that it may be helpful to see the percentage of back-fill for the line item. Mr. Frandsen said they have changed reductions and there is a back-fill item. Rep. Powell said that he appreciates the overview with the back-fill.

Mr. Frandsen went over each line item that would be affected for each department. Sen. Jones asked if that included the Medicaid money that is lost for FY2010. Mr. Jardine said that there was

other funding shown and this is their best guess now. Sen. Jones requested to see the federal funds lost. Mr. Frandsen said that his best guess is \$23 million. Rep. Litvack asked for more information on the revolving fund and the matter in which it will work. Sen. Christensen asked if Mr. Jardine had that answer. Mr. Jardine said that he does not have further detail.

3. Response by the Agencies

Lisa-Michele Church, Department of Human Services, spoke of the effects of the cuts. Adult Protective Services, the Social Services Block Grant, provider rate reductions, and the elimination of funding for boards and commissions were areas discussed.

Dr. Sundwall said that in the special session their department already took \$33 million in cuts. He thanked the committee for all their hard work and the back fills for next year. Dr. Sundwall stated that he would like to protect funding for the clinical labs, disease registries, and not to make Children's Health Insurance Program an ongoing cut. He spoke about productivity enhancements and that people they need are not reduced. Rep. Litvack asked for clarification on CHIP funding. Dr. Sundwall said that they would have to work with the committee on that. Mr. Frandsen said that add back #26 was not a base recommendation and it was originally listed as a one-time reduction, but the committee recommended to make it ongoing. Dr. Sundwall stated that the rules of who gets laid off need to make sure the laws apply to everybody. Sen. Jones asked why Utah has such a high rate in birth defects. Dr. Sundwall stated that the disease registry is helpful with prevention. Rep. Chavez-Houck asked if there are no new primary care applicants. Dr. Sundwall said there are 1,900 enrollees in Medicaid Lite, and he said the enrollment for Medicaid Lite travels by word of mouth. Michael Hales said that 4,000 people will be affected.

4. Presentations by Providers - see separate speakers lists

Rep. Dougall adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Nicholle Heidrich, Secretary

Sen. Allen Christensen, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. John Dougall, Committee Co-Chair